

REMARKS

Claims 64 - 67 have been added. Claims 1 – 67 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected independent claims 1, 59, and 60 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oliver.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. With respect to independent claims 1, 59, and 60, Oliver describes using historical and/or forecasted meteorological and/or evapotranspiration (ET) data to automatically adjust irrigation schedules at multiple irrigation sites associated with a single host computer. See, e.g., Oliver col. 12 line 66 – col. 13 line 17 & Fig. 10 (single host used to send modified watering factors simultaneously to multiple site controllers). This is not the same as deriving respective irrigation schedules for irrigation sites associated with different users, as recited in claims 1, 59, and 60. It is therefore believed that independent claims 1, 59, and 60 are allowable.

Claims 2 – 58 and 61 – 67 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Oliver describes sending to the site controller an adjustment factor that is used in connection with a reference schedule stored at the site controller to compute and implement at the site controller a new watering schedule (Col 3, lines 17 - 38). Sending an adjustment factor that is not itself an irrigation schedule is not the same as sending to the site a schedule that “specifies, without reference to a default or reference schedule, a watering schedule to be implemented at the first irrigation site,” as recited in new claim 64. Support for new claim 64 may be found without limitation on page 2, lines 3 – 10 of the above-captioned application. Likewise, sending an adjustment factor is not the same as sending a schedule that “specifies one or more of a start flow time and a stop flow time of a first individual station valve associated with the first irrigation control unit,” as recited in claim 65. It is therefore believed that claims 64 and 65 are allowable over Oliver for the additional reasons set forth in this paragraph, in addition to the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1.

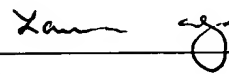
Claim 66 recites, “a third user has access to at least one of (1) the first landscape information, (2) the first environmental information, or (3) the first individual station irrigation

schedule and access to at least one of (1) the second landscape information, (2) the second environmental information, or (3) the second individual station irrigation schedule.” Examples of such a third user described in the above-captioned application include a super user, an ALICS administrator, a supervisor, a landscape contractor, and/or water agency personnel. For convenience and without limitation, please see page 6, lines 16 – 19 and page 7, lines 7 – 19. Oliver does not describe a third user with access to information associated with other users and/or multiple sites, as recited in claim 66. Likewise, Oliver does not describe a third user having access to trend data across two or more other users, as recited in claim 67. It is therefore believed that claims 66 and 67 are allowable over Oliver for the additional reasons set forth in this paragraph, in addition to the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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